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'VETERAN' Designation Available for Licenses

Veterans may now have the word, "VETERAN" printed on their driver's licenses and identification cards after following three steps.

The California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and the California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet) reminds veterans that they must first visit a County Veterans Status Verification Office (CVSO) and obtain a Veteran Status Verification Form before contacting a DMV to apply for the Veteran designation.

Veterans are also required to pay a one-time $5 (five) designation fee, in addition to any other application fees associated with a renewal, duplicate, or original driver license or ID card.

To apply for your "Veteran" designation, follow these steps:

1. Get your discharge certificate (DD214). If you need assistance obtaining your military records, contact any County Veteran Service Office (CVSO) by calling (844) 737-8838.
2. Take your discharge certificate to any CVSO to obtain your Veteran Status Verifiation Form. To find your CVSO, call (844) 737-8838 or visit www.calvet.ca.gov
3. After obtaining the stamped Veteran Status Verification Form, schedule an appointment at a DMV field office. Present your completed and stamped Veteran Status Verification form and driver license application to a DMV representative at your local DMV field office. Schedule an appointment at a DMV field office by visiting www.dmv.ca.gov or calling (800) 777-0133